

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Claims 7-8, 20-31, 33-39, 43-47 have been cancelled. Claims 1-6, 9-29, 32, 40-42, 48-74 are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 21 May 2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Restriction/Election

3. **In regards to the Requirement for Restriction/Election of 22 December 2008,** Applicant submits that "[t]he present election requirement... [is] timeliness (Remarks 2)." This is not persuasive. Since Examiner reserves the right to make a restriction or election of species any time during the prosecution if Examiner believes that the claims belong to distinct groups and the groups will further necessitate further search. Hence the election of species stands as it is, and Applicant is requested to make a selection based upon the groups of claims as previously analyzed.

4. The reply filed on 21 May 2009 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant is required to make a selection based upon the groups of claims as previously analyzed. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tammy Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-7773. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:30 (Mon-Fri).
6. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sumati Lefkowitz can be reached on (571) 272-3638. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.
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